employment generation programmes of Ministry of Rural Development, for manufacturing food products, such as bread, bun, papad, etc. by below-poverty-line families. In addition, the Government have authorised FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export both wheat and rice upto 25 lakh tonnes and 20 lakh tonnes respectively during 1995-96.

(b) The total storage capacity with the FCI as on 1.6.1995 is 28.58 million tonnes, including the hired storage capacity.

(c) Adequate steps are being taken to protect the foodgrains from rodents and insect pests during storage. Different type of rodenticides like Zinc Phosphide and anti-coagulants are used for the control of rodents in godowns and warehouses. Surrounding areas of the warehouses, where live rat burrows are noticed, are fumigated with Aluminium Phosphide pellets. Prophylactic and curative measures are taken for the control of insect pests during storage. To reduce the moisture content of the foodgrains, aeration of the foodgrains is done, so that the quality of foodgrains may not be deteriorated due to increase in moisture

मध्य प्रदेश की कोयला खानों को रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज को सौंपना

821. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार, मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला खानों का प्रबंधन, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लि॰ को सौंपने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लि॰ ने राज्य सरकार की सहायता से उक्त प्रस्ताव को प्रेषित कर दिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

Export of Manganese and Bauxite Ores

822. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Manganese and Bauxite ores are being exported at present;

(b) the annual export of these ores from Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) the terms of agreement signed with those countries for exporting these ores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Manganese ore is being exported mainly to Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan and Spain whereas Bauxite is being exported to Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

(b) Statewise export statistics are not maintained.

(c) Apart from spot sales, annual and long term agreements on usual commercial terms are signed for export of these ores.

Effectiveness of BIS quality control methods

823. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "BIS quality control methods not effective enough" which appeared in the "The Pioneer" dated 20th June, 1995;

(b) if so, what steps Government are planning to take for strengthening/ improving the functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to replace BIS by evolving any other effective system?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRUBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) BIS is operating a Certification Mark Scheme under the BIS Act, Rules and Regulations. The Scheme is aimed at providing licence to manufacturers to use ISI mark on the products which conform to the set standards.

Information regarding misuse of ISI mark by the manufacturers is gathered on the basis of complaints mainly, newspapers, advertisements and also *suo moto* inspections. Out of the total number of complaints received in 1993 and 1994, after preliminary investigations, most of them were found to be baseless and therefore, were closed. Many cases of misleading claims through advertisements were closed after the defaulting parties accepted their mistakes and gave assurance that they would not be repeated. However, whenever a prima-facie case is established, it is processed for prosecution.

In order to strengthen the enforcement activities against violation of BIS Certification Mark Scheme, an Enforcement Department has been set up in BIS in 1993 and the BIS Rules have also been amended in 1994 to facilitate the enforcement activities. The enforcement activities are reviewed from time to time and appropriate action is taken as considered necessary.

Education for Children of Beedi Workers

824. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are extending assistance for education of children of Beedi Workers;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) whether Government will also ensure adequate employment for such children; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) On completion of studies, such children seek employment in the same way as other children.

Statement

Details of scheme extending assistance for education of Children of Beedi Workers

(i) Scheme for Award of Scholarship under Beedi / Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Chrome Ore Mines / Limestone and Dolomite Mines / Cine Workers Welfare Fund:

(a) Rates of scholarship are awarded at the following rates per student per year

Group I	Class V & VI	Rs. 250/- p.a.
Group II	Class VII, VIII, IX and X	Rs. 450/- p.a.
Group III	Class XI, XII, I.A. I.Sc. (All pregraduation courses where admission is open for students who qualified in Xth Std.)	Rs. 700/- p.a.
Group IV	Graduation and Post Graduation, Degree courses in Arts, Science and Commerce and Lower Technical Courses, Professional Courses like B.Ed., B.T., M.Ed., L.T., LLB.	Rs. 1,000/- p.a.
Group V	M.B.B.S.,B.E., B.Sc. (Agri.) and other degree level technical courses, research and Doctrate studies.	Rs. 3,000/- p.a.